

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Status of Application

In the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2006, the Examiner indicated in the Office Action Summary section that the Office Action was a non-final office action. After reviewing the Office Action, it is clear that the status of the Office Action is final. The Applicant has proceeded to respond to the Office Action on this basis.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 2, and 4-21 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, and 4-21 have been canceled by this reply. Claims 22-32 have been newly added by this reply. Of the new claims, claims 22, 25, 27, 29, and 31 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claims 22, 25, 27, 29, and 31.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 11 has been canceled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 97/37328 (“Ouimet”) in view of WO 98/04080 (“Zeitman”). Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 have been canceled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ouimet in view of Zeitman and further in view of WO 96/11453 (“Ilen”). Claim 20 has been canceled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ouimet in view of Zeitman and further in view of Ilen. Claim 21 has been canceled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,505,774 (“Fulcher”) in view of Ilen. Claims 1, 2, and 4-21 have been canceled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

New Claims

Claims 22-32 have been newly added by this reply. Applicant asserts that no new subject matter is added by way of the newly added claims. Support for the newly added claims may be found, for example, on page 5 and in Figures 1-3 of the originally filed application.

New independent claims 22, 25, 27, 29, and 31 recite, in part: (i) receiving, by the parking server from a mobile telephone, an *identifier* of the parking ticket machine and (ii) transmitting data from the parking server to the parking ticket machine *identified by the identifier*. Thus, parking-

related data is sent from the parking server to a specific parking ticket machine, which is identified by a user using a mobile telephone.

Applicant asserts that none of the cited prior art references, whether considered separately or in combination, teach or suggest a parking server that receives a parking ticket machine identifier from a mobile phone or transmits parking-related data to the parking ticket machine identified by the identifier.

With respect to Ouimet, Ouimet discloses that parking-related data is sent from a payment terminal to multiple portable/mobile terminals (*see* Ouimet page 5, lines 19-23 and page 6, lines 20-24). Ouimet is completely silent with respect to either of the aforementioned limitations. Further, because Ouimet discloses sending parking-related data to a group of terminals in a packet, it is not necessary for Ouimet to identify one particular mobile/portable terminal by an identifier to which parking-related data is sent.

With respect to Zeitman, Zeitman discloses that parking-related data is sent from a user's mobile phone (*i.e.*, user interface 20 in Figure 1 of Zeitman), to a central interface unit (*see* Zeitman, page 6, lines 12-15). Zeitman is completely silent with respect to either of the aforementioned limitations. Further, because there is only one central terminal in Zeitman that handles the receiving of parking-related data, it is not necessary for the system in Zeitman to identify one parking ticket machine out of several possible parking ticket machines that may receiving the parking-related data. Further, even assuming *arguendo* that the central interface unit is one of many possible components of the system described in Zeitman that is capable of receiving parking-related data, Zeitman fails to teach or suggest transmitting an *identifier that identifies a particular central interface unit* from a mobile phone to a parking server.

With respect to Fulcher, the Examiner admits that Fulcher fails to disclose or suggest a mobile phone. *See* Office Action mailed August 29, 2006, p. 14. Based on this, it logically follows that Fulcher cannot possibly disclose sending an identifier of a parking ticket machine using a mobile phone. Moreover, a review of Fulcher reveals that communication between the offsite computer of Fulcher and the parking ticket machine of Fulcher is *not* facilitated by providing the offsite computer with an identifier that identifies a particular parking ticket machine. *See* Fulcher, col. 19, ll. 16-19 and col. 23, ll. 1-12).

Finally, with respect to Ilen, Ilen teaches a system in which a user uses a mobile phone to send data to a central computer (*see* Ilen, page 3). However, the user does not provide the central computer with an identifier identifying a particular parking ticket machine, where the central computer uses the identifier to determine to which parking ticket machine the parking-related data should be sent.

In view of the above, it is clear that new independent claims 22, 25, 27, 29, and 31 are patentable, whether considered separately or in combination, over all of the cited prior art references. Dependent claims 23, 24, 26, 28, and 32 are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, favorable consideration of the newly added claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17221/007001).

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